

Washington, DC -- Congresswoman Linda Sánchez (D-CA) has been unanimously elected by her peers to represent Southern California on the powerful Democratic Steering and Policy Committee in the 111th Congress.

"I am honored to be nominated to the Steering and Policy Committee" said Congresswoman Sánchez. "I look forward to bringing an innovative outlook to this important role and working with my colleagues on the issues that affect the people of Southern California and our country."

Led by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the Steering and Policy Committee serves a critical and influential function in the House of Representatives by assigning committee seats for Democratic members, as well as making policy recommendations to the party leadership. On the Committee, Sánchez will represent the 18 Democratic Members of Congress from San Luis Obispo to San Diego.

Sánchez was elected unanimously by her Southern California colleagues, who recognized her leadership and dedication to serving the state's needs. She begins her new responsibilities Wednesday, November 19, 2008.